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## **Aide memoire to the Minister of Statistics: Launch of Data Ventures**

### **Purpose**

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1. We have recently established a small 'Data Ventures' group within Stats NZ, with the appointment of Drew Broadley as Executive Director. The aim of this group is to partner to commercialise Stats NZ's knowledge and expertise, and in so doing encourage the development of new and innovative ways to grow data access and analytics services for New Zealand.
2. Attached to this Aide Memoire is a slide pack that outlines their work so far and their vision for the future. Data Ventures will be added to a future officials' meeting agenda for a more in depth discussion.
3. A soft launch of Data Ventures will take place on 20 February 2018, with an article in the NBR, and possibly in the New Zealand Herald and Dominion Post.
4. All queries should be directed to Stats NZ, however potential questions and answers are below.

### **Questions and answers that may arise.**

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#### **Are we selling Stats NZ data?**

5. No. Data Ventures will generate revenue by creating or licensing products and services built on top of data.

#### **What is Data Ventures doing with the revenue it generates?**

6. Data Ventures will reinvest any revenue gathered back into its venture pipeline.

#### **Is Data Ventures all about making money?**

7. No, Data Ventures will have both commercial to non-commercial ventures, with the commercial ventures proceeds funding the non-commercial ones. There is a 3:1 ratio of commercial to social good ventures.
8. All ventures that are not taken forward for commercialisation by Stats NZ will be packaged up and open sourced, so NZ citizens and businesses can take the opportunity and succeed where we could not.
9. All data acquired and created by Data Ventures is fed to Stats NZ for non-commercial benefits, such as improving existing data and statistical outputs.

#### **What is an example of the sorts of things Data Ventures might do?**

10. Data Ventures will look to partner to gain access to commercial or private data sources, like those from accounting products, for example. These will then be brought together with Stats NZ expertise to more insights than Stats NZ could do alone.
11. Data from accounting products, for example, could be brought together to develop a mapping and classification of accounting data across all businesses to allow the development of more accurate business benchmarking tools. The result of this

would be better comparison and insights available openly to accountants and advisors to help both emerging and existing businesses flourish.

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# DATA VENTURES



Data Ventures uses the best of Stats NZ to create economic value for New Zealand in ways others have not explored.

We have a focus to experiment with “what ifs” and are teaming up with others to create partnerships delivering new ideas.

## Why does Data Ventures exist?

Stats NZ typically focuses on creating official government statistics to support critical decisions.

However, at Stats NZ there are no lack of ideas and opportunities that can be realised beyond that with the right people and data.

If you take a different perspective that is away from the day to day of Stats NZ, use it to create new and aligned set of priorities, take the overall Stats NZ responsibility of unleashing data to change lives and build economic value...

This is where you find Data Ventures.



Our vision is to be the place where data is valued.

The value can be from the money that is made from developing commercial products and services, it can be the value gained internally for the people who work at Stats NZ, it can be through the partnerships (NZ Govt and private sector) it creates for others to do things, the currency it creates or the intangible value where people are better off for knowing it.



## What are we going to do?

Data Ventures' focus is on creating joint ventures with other parties, those being businesses and/or government for commercial gain.

We're not talking about the traditional model of a client paying a supplier for developing a product for us and receiving a discount.

Instead, in the Data Ventures model the client and supplier negotiate their contributions as partners, invest accordingly and receive a share of returned value (typically revenue).

True partnerships.

## What aren't we going to do?

Sell Stats NZ data.



## As a Data Ventures partner...

You get access to data scientists, analysts and SME's from a wide range of disciplines on top of access to Stats NZ IP of data, metadata, methods and models to build products and services upon

You can also rely on the trust and assurance that comes with the Stats NZ brand – to give confidence in your product or service making it to the market successfully.



## A unique approach

3:1 investment ratio of commercial ventures to fund social good ventures.

Every data source acquired or created by Data Ventures will be provided to Stats NZ for non-commercial benefits such as improving CPI/GDP.

We will be testing not just the opportunities, but the partnered team.

Any opportunity that fails to pass a gate at any point in the pipeline is packaged up (excluding any data) and then released as open source to the NZ public.

Our mission is to find value where others have not looked and create a viable set of products and services based on working with others.

We won't always be the experts so that is why we will work with others to build on resources we don't have to form joint ventures using data that create amazing products and services.

## Our gates pipeline

### 1st

Clearly articulate opportunity by interacting and identifying potential customers through a lean canvas.

### 2nd

Prove the concept, opportunity market fit, technology, what partnerships are required and size of effort to launch.

### 3rd

Secure first consumer, confirming value and future funding.



## Our core team

- Drew Broadley  
Director Data Ventures
- Hollie Kane  
Venture Coordinator
- Robert Chiu  
Venture Manager
- Blair Willems  
Venture Manager
- Aimee Whitcroft  
CX Manager
- Gary Dunnet  
DV to Stats NZ Advisor

## Our board

- Liz MacPherson  
Stats NZ CE / GS / GDS
  - Kelvin Watson  
Stats NZ Deputy CE
  - Victoria MacLennan  
Independent Board Member
- \*\* Seeking two more independent board members

## Our advisory board

- Internal  
Five board members sourced from inside of Stats NZ
- External  
Five board members sourced independently of Stats NZ
- Customer  
A range of customers, partners or sponsors interested in current and future Data Ventures products and services

## What have we achieved so far?

- Interviewed over 40 Stats NZ people to help form the vision and mission
- Developed core business model and has been tested for interest
- Designed the initial Data Venture pipeline based on parts from successful models used elsewhere
- Formed the core team



## What does success look like?

- 10 Ventures reaching “second gate”
- 10 Partnerships formed across private and government
- 1+ Venture reaching “third gate” in market with customers
- At least 5 Ventures being released as open source to the public
- 3:1 ratio of commercial to social good ventures
- Improved and proven Data Venture gates pipeline
- 10+ customers on Customer Advisory Group
- 20+ staff of Stats NZ as been part of the Data Ventures experience

## What's next?

- 20th Feb Brand launch
- 19th Mar Dry run of gates pipeline that has been developed
- 30th Mar Customer Group formed and active
- 2nd Apr Run opportunities through lean canvas, highlighting top 10
- 30th Apr First venture hits the start gate







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## Memorandum

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**To:** Hon James Shaw

**Date:** 6 April 2018

**Subject:** Update on Data Ventures

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1. As mentioned by Drew Broadley (Director of Data Ventures) when he last met with Minister Shaw on 26 February 2018, it was signalled the Minister would be supplied with the first ventures that Data Ventures will be focusing on.
2. As part of Data Ventures' open principles and open standards, we presented on Open Data Day a timeline of milestones. Aligned with those timings, we have released a high level blog post and twitter update of the first ventures.
3. Over the next three weeks (9<sup>th</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> April) we will be releasing the ten lean canvases to our blog (<https://medium.com/data-ventures>) and through our twitter account (<https://twitter.com/dataventuresnz>) relating to these ventures.
4. The ten lean canvases are attached.

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## Improved aerial surveys - lean canvas

Time horizon: 12 months/start of MVP.

Reference: adapted  
from  
<https://app.xtensio.com/>.

<b>Problem</b> New Zealand - as a whole - lacks a source of frequently-updated, high-quality aerial imagery. High-resolution satellite imagery is currently very expensive to buy, especially at a national scale. There is currently a demand for better aerial imagery for monitoring water quality, vegetation (including crops) and planning-related matters (eg land use, buildings).	<b>Solution</b> Make use of existing regional airplanes, and other aviation groups.  Develop an inexpensive, high-definition camera solution that can be attached to the undersides of planes etc. [Further down line, we can add other measuring devices, too.]	<b>Value proposition</b> Access to frequently updated aerial imagery, taken multispectrally.  Access to storage and analysis facilities through Stats NZ.	<b>Advantage</b> Access to Stats NZ data experts and facilities.	<b>Customer segments</b> Agricultural/horticultural sector.  Local government.  Environmental monitors, including govt.
<b>Existing alternatives</b> Imagery: Commercial satellite imagery providers, existing small plane and drone providers. Monitoring: various private and government providers, mostly using sensors.	<b>Key metrics</b> Affordable (less expensive than commercial satellite imagery).  Updated once a week (minimum).  Cross-country uptake.	<b>High level concept</b> Affordable, up-to-date, high-quality aerial imagery for use in your industry or sector.	<b>Channels</b> Networks, current strategic relationships.  Industry groups.  Fielddays and other industry events.	<b>Early adopters</b> Farmers.  Urban planners/city councils.
<b>Cost structure (1 lowest, 5 highest)</b> Complexity: 2. Risk: 3. Effort: 3. Acquisition: 2.			<b>Revenue streams</b> Commercial industries will want it for monitoring and efficiency purposes. Government will want it for monitoring and reporting purposes - eg water quality. Local governments etc will want it for up to date aerial views of buildings, land use etc. Community groups and the public will want it for any numbers of uses, many as yet unknown.	

## All of govt business

Time horizon: 12 months/start of MVP.

Reference: adapted from

<p><b>Problem</b></p> <p>Businesses find it a burden have to enter the same data multiple times for different government agencies.</p> <p>Public agencies don't have the most up-to-date data for businesses, as the data's scattered across agencies.</p> <p><b>Existing alternatives</b></p> <p>TBC.</p>	<p><b>Solution</b></p> <p>Investigate if the fragmented business register across government can be combined</p> <p>Investigate if the attributes captured by combining the business register meets needs across government</p> <p>Investigate how to centrally maintain this business register</p> <p><b>Key metrics</b></p> <p>Increase in the number of agencies supporting (through access and use) of the single register</p> <p>Improve business customer experience through survey</p> <p>reduction in the number of instances of errors due to dated information</p>	<p><b>Value proposition</b></p> <p>Businesses will only have to enter business data once when dealing with government.</p> <p>Business data will always be up to date for government agencies.</p> <p><b>High level concept</b></p> <p>Improving the all-of-government business register with data of value and lower data burdens on businesses.</p>	<p><b>Advantage</b></p> <p>Stats NZ maintains a unique business register that has IP with its modelling.</p> <p><b>Channels</b></p> <p>Government forums.</p> <p>BusinessNZ, other industry bodies.</p>	<p><b>Customer segments</b></p> <p>Central government.</p> <p>Businesses that interact frequently with government.</p> <p><b>Early adopters</b></p> <p>Businesses that are legally required to supply business data to government.</p> <p>Agencies that collect or create outputs from business data.</p>
<p><b>Cost structure (1 lowest, 5 highest)</b></p> <p>Complexity: 2.</p> <p>Risk: 1.</p> <p>Effort: 2.</p> <p>Acquisition: 1.</p>		<p><b>Revenue streams</b></p> <p>Other government agencies who maintain their own business register will contribute to this venture, as it</p> <p>Central government will fund the register's maintenance, as it has value for developing other products and</p>		

## Business data for

Time horizon: 12 months/start of MVP.

Reference: adapted from

<b>Problem</b> Retail and hospitality businesses that are looking for a physical location don't often have the data to identify the best place to set up. They may also not know of available properties in the best areas.	<b>Solution</b> Acquire the valuable data sources from various providers.  Place data onto a visualisation that customers can customise their own data preferences.	<b>Value proposition</b> Consumers will have better data to inform the optimal location to successfully set up their business.  They'll also have options for available rental spaces.	<b>Advantage</b> The knowledge of relevant available data and the expertise to present this data in a useable way	<b>Customer segments</b> Retailers (bricks and mortar), hospitality, consultancy organisations, loan providers.
<b>Existing alternatives</b> QV, Homes, Trade Me, realestate.co.nz.  Local councils.	<b>Key metrics</b> Number of referrals from the application to rental agencies.	<b>High level concept</b> A tool that helps businesses find the best available place to set up shop.	<b>Channels</b> Retail and hospitality consultancies.	<b>Early adopters</b> Consultancy organisations.
<b>Cost structure (1 lowest, 5 highest)</b> Complexity: 3. Risk: 1. Effort: 2. [There's a dependency factor on another venture.] Acquisition: 2. [There's a dependency on another venture.]			<b>Revenue streams</b> Consumers will have have access to free data and will pay a small amount for select data sets. Rental agencies will pay a referral fee for traffic to rental listings that leads to sales.	

## Community data

Time horizon: 12 months/start of MVP.

Reference: adapted from

<b>Problem</b> Communities lack expertise with respect to data and analytics (from infrastructure to understanding). Communities lack access to / knowledge of where to find data to help them improve decision-making.	<b>Solution</b> Embed Stats NZ experts in communities (min 6 months). Help communities write IDI applications, and do the research.  Working _with_ communities to build capabilities and skills. Offer background support.  [There should be deliverables, not just research papers.]	<b>Value proposition</b> Stats NZ comes with data.  Stats NZ has expertise in bringing different kinds of data together (can integrate theirs and communities').  They're cheaper than commercial providers / contractors. Anything that communities agree to publish, will be published openly under	<b>Advantage</b> Using Stats NZ data, data experts and data access.  Stats NZ is a government agency, so no "private" or profit motives, and have government commitment to behaving well, including things like the OGP commitments.	<b>Customer segments</b> Local govt.  Iwi.  NGOs.  Communities / people interested in particular issues etc.
<b>Existing alternatives</b> Alternatives for capability: consultants.  Alternatives for capability: contractors.  No alternatives for data: Stats NZ have access to data that no one else does, and at a depth (eg years of it) that others don't. They also have access to non-open sources of other govt data.	<b>Key metrics</b> Set for each community as part of the work programme. That Stats NZ have got at least one running by December 2018 (indicatively).	<b>High level concept</b> Providing deep data expertise to local government and community	<b>Channels</b> Relationship manager to interact between community and Stats NZ. Networks, current strategic relationships.  Known community groups and NGOs.  Universities (see pipeline venture). Govt innovation pipelines (eg Westpac). International partner (CBS).	<b>Early adopters</b> Keen to pilot. Have a specific problem statement (ie know where they'd like to begin).  Have the necessary funding.  Internal organisational buy-in (on their side). Access to appropriate technologies?
<b>Cost structure (1 lowest, 5 highest)</b> Complexity: 2. Risk: 3. Effort: 2. Acquisition: 1.		<b>Revenue streams</b> Cost recovery from the organisations in which we're embedding experts. Grants and other funding streams.		

## Data science brokering - lean canvas

Time horizon: 12 months/start of

Reference: adapted from <https://app.xtensio.com/>, and generated from Data Ventures lean canvas template: <https://github.com/dataventuresnz/venture-dv>

<b>Problem</b> Small agencies have problems they're trying to solve that would benefit from data science. Some don't know about the value data science might add. The problems may also be too small to go through a procurement process. Recent data science graduates don't have opportunities for practical experience around their theoretical knowledge, and some may get out of practice with recently learned skills.	<b>Solution</b> Partnerships with agencies and education providers to supply problems and grads.  Create environments (eg IT, physical) for grads to apply their training and help solve problems.	<b>Value proposition</b> Small agencies will be able to test the value of data science in their problem-solving processes.  Recent graduates will get an opportunity to apply what they've learned to real-world scenarios.	<b>Advantage</b> Stats NZ's knowledge of the data science needs of the public sector.  Stats NZ's ability to provide input on accreditations and their curricula.	<b>Customer segments</b> Small agencies, local councils, iwi, NGOs.  Education and data science education providers.  Stats NZ.
<b>Existing alternatives</b> TBC.	<b>Key metrics</b> Survey of agencies about the experience of service. Survey of grads about their experience of the service. Growth in the number of grads and agencies participating in the venture.	<b>High level concept</b> For agencies: Dip your toes into the benefits of data science. For grads: gain real-world experience in solving problems with data science.	<b>Channels</b> Organisations that support data science capability.	<b>Early adopters</b> Small agencies.  Data science grads.
<b>Cost structure (1 lowest, 5 highest)</b> Complexity: 3. Risk: 4. Effort: 3. Acquisition: 3.			<b>Revenue streams</b> Central government agencies that are incentivised to grow data science capability - sponsorship. Education providers interested in increasing the value of their accreditation - sponsorship or fees. Agencies will pay grads - Data Ventures will clip the ticket.	



## Data Ventures' lean canvas template

Time horizon: 12 months/start of MVP

Reference: adapted from  
<https://app.xtensio.com/>.

<b>Problem</b> Used car buyers and sellers don't have easy access to benchmarking tools which allow them to set/pay a fair price.	<b>Solution</b> Provide a benchmarking tool for used cars.  Visually display car sale/purchase histories.	<b>Value proposition</b> Buyers and sellers will be able to make better-informed decisions, based on more accurate data, about what to ask or pay for	<b>Advantage</b> Stats NZ and NZTA have the data.	<b>Customer segments</b> Anyone buying or selling used cars.
<b>Existing alternatives</b> Buyers/sellers' own market research.	<b>Key metrics</b> Sales metrics - length of time to sell/buy.  Return users/purchases. Increased trust with car dealers.	<b>High level concept</b> Take the guesswork out of buying and selling cars.	<b>Channels</b> App store.  Advertising on TradeMe. LMVD. Awareness outside car yards.	<b>Early adopters</b> Marketplaces where cars are bought and sold.
<b>Cost structure</b> Complexity: 1. Risk: 1. Effort: 2. Acquisition: 1.		<b>Revenue streams</b> Subscription to app/service. Commission on sales. Referral fees. Advertising.		

## Dynamic rates/levies - lean canvas

Time horizon: 12 months/start of MVP.

Reference: adapted from <https://app.xtensio.com/>, and generated from Data Ventures lean canvas template: <https://github.com/dataventuresnz/venture-dv>

<b>Problem</b> Often tenants of retail type businesses are affected by unforeseen/unplanned circumstances or planned infrastructure upgrades/changes. This can be anything from an earthquake, a mall opening up nearby or a roading/transport change. These cause a change in the opportunity market for the retailers and could be the difference between surviving or closing due to high rental prices even though it's no longer high street retail due to these changes (even if they are only temporary)	<b>Solution</b> A dynamic model that indicates the appropriate rate/rental/lease for the location according to the factors that could affect this, at a period of time that is at the day/week range rather than the long term lease range of many years.	<b>Value proposition</b> A retailer receives appropriate pricing through more frequent rates/levies/rental changes according to their current opportunity market.	<b>Advantage</b> Increased frequency to adapt to market changes	<b>Customer segments</b> Local government Commercial property owners Commercial property managers Real estate agents
<b>Existing alternatives</b> Colliers Market research performed by landlord/commercial property manager	<b>Key metrics</b> Retailers impact is reduced during infrastructure changes (as recorded by council complains levels)  Decrease in number of businesses closing. (resilience)	<b>High level concept</b> A retailer is impacted by a mall opening up a few streets away, removing a large amount of normal window shopping traffic. This retailer relies on this foot traffic to fund their six year lease, but the mall plans were not available at the time they	<b>Channels</b> Through local governments	<b>Early adopters</b> Local government.
<b>Cost structure (1 lowest, 5 highest)</b> Complexity: 3. Risk: 3. Effort: 2. [There's a dependency factor on another venture.] Acquisition: 2. [There's a dependency on another venture.]			<b>Revenue streams</b> This model can be adapted by commercial property managers as a way to sustain longer term customers and	

## Improved

Time horizon: 12 months/start of MVP.

Reference: adapted from

<b>Problem</b> Current environmental risk modelling - for insurers, banks, councils etc - is generally based on historical events. Climate change is bringing increasing uncertainty to these models - historical models no longer work as well, and research suggests the models need to improve.	<b>Solution</b> Pull together data from a number of sources, including resilience research, risk models, GIS maps.	<b>Value proposition</b> Banks and other insurers can more accurately insure physical assets.  End-users can be charged more accurate insurance rates, and have a better idea of the environmental risks to their physical assets.	<b>Advantage</b> Access to Stats NZ data that may not be generally available.  The ability to broker between different data holders.  The ability to integrate different datasets.	<b>Customer segments</b> Banks and insurers.  Local govt.  Emergency and civil defense organisations.
<b>Existing alternatives</b> Risk forecasting tools which can pull data from a number of sources. Existing risk analysts and systems.	<b>Key metrics</b> Number of customers using the tools.  Reliability/accuracy of forecasting models.  Gained efficiencies in civil defense situations.	<b>High level concept</b> Providing more accurate information about the risks from environmental	<b>Channels</b> Existing networks and strategic relationships. Industry groups and events.	<b>Early adopters</b> TBC.
<b>Cost structure (1 lowest, 5 highest)</b> Complexity: 5. Risk: 4. Effort: 4. Acquisition: 4.			<b>Revenue streams</b> Various customer groups. Platforms and organisations which already deal with property and resource use.	

## Location data

Time horizon: 12 months/start of MVP.

Reference: adapted from

<b>Problem</b> Government agencies aren't sure about how best to use location data in solving some of their problems. At the moment, the price for accessing this data is too high to justify exploring use cases.	<b>Solution</b> Explore current potential use cases for government.  Work with data partners to set up a secure test environment for agencies to test technical designs and concepts.	<b>Value proposition</b> Government will identify new use cases for location data, and will be able to accurately determine the value of this data.  Pooling government resources will mitigate some cost concerns.	<b>Advantage</b> Data Ventures have been nominated by a number of central agencies to lead this venture.	<b>Customer segments</b> Central government, local government, data suppliers, iwi, NGOs.
<b>Existing alternatives</b> TBC.	<b>Key metrics</b> Number of agencies requesting access. Number of use cases identified.	<b>High level concept</b> A sandpit environment for government	<b>Channels</b> Government data forums. Location data providers.	<b>Early adopters</b> Central government. Location data providers.
<b>Cost structure (1 lowest, 5 highest)</b> Complexity: 3. Risk: 5. Effort: 3. Acquisition: 2.			<b>Revenue streams</b> Agencies will pay for value-add services (eg data science). If partners provide additional services, they will pay a referral fee. Government agencies will pay a small subscription fee to access the data.	

## Proof of purchase - lean canvas

**Time horizon: 12 months/start of MVP.**

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<b>The problem</b> When consumers purchase products at a store, they are often without the habit to keep the receipt as proof of purchase. Because of that many products are either never returned when they should, never able to be successfully returned as the product could be bought at countless stores (even online) or take a very long time for the service team to look up a past purchase while the consumer at the same time looks through their internet banking to find that purchase (but not everyone has access to this).	<b>Our solution</b> We will match an electronic payment to a purchase in the POS when it wasn't previously connected to maintain as much privacy and security as possible.  This focus is not on the consumer to have the technology, but the retailer so there is accessibility beyond people who have smart phones.	<b>Unique value proposition</b> Reduces the time needed to prove a purchase, on the consumer no longer needing to find a receipt and the retailer no longer having to look up wildy through their previous purchases.  Not relying on a single payment method.  Reduces the risk of receipt fraud for the merchant.  Saves paper.	<b>Unfair advantage</b> The past experience around proving purchase electronically, and learning from the past ventures from ourselves or others we are able to bring together a simple solution.	<b>Customer segments</b> Retailers (online & bricks and mortar)  Consumers  Insurers
<b>Existing alternatives</b> Paypr by Paymark (recently closed)  Briscoes Group (and others) who currently offer this using last four digits of card used to purchase  Many online retailer platforms such as Shopify	<b>Key metrics</b> Time saved Accuracy of returns Reduction of fraud	<b>High level concept</b> As consumers make purchases everyday around the country, there is a percentage of these that will be returned either within the next 24 hours, or the coming years. This timing also relies on you maintaining a receipt for a proof of purchase. Now, a customer is able to forget any habit needed to remember their receipt. They're	<b>Channels</b> Retail NZ  Banks  Point of Sale Providers	<b>Early adopters</b> Retailers who tend to aim for the lower cost stock that tend to service a lot of broken products  Consumers who purchase at these stores regularly
<b>Cost structure</b>  Complexity: 3. Risk: 2. Effort: 3. Acquisition: 2.			<b>Revenue streams</b> <i>Revenue model, life time value, gross margin, etc.</i> A retailer would typically pay for a product like this on a base monthly access fee graded to a teir based on A small fee could be asked from the consumer as a time saver if they didn't retain a receipt	

## Standard for accounts - lean canvas

Time horizon: 12 months/start of MVP.

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<b>Problem</b> Business advisors/accountants and their clients work within their own codings of how their money is used in a business. This means a business advisor/accountant cannot get a single look into the way their various clients file their activities. This problem doesn't exist at a local environment, but a regional and national view.	<b>Solution</b> A classification that can translate various business accounting data (including journal entries) into a standard view so others can then create their own look into the data.	<b>Value proposition</b> Ability to translate any businesses accounting data from any accounting software into the chart of accounts that the business advisor/accountant understands.	<b>Advantage</b> We have the experience across many businesses accounting data to benchmark and become an authority to create a standard classification for translations.	<b>Customer segments</b> Business advisors Accounting product and tools
<b>Existing alternatives</b> Reporting tools such as Spotlight Reporting, Castaway Forecasting Accounting integration tools such as Common Ledger, MYOB Portal Practice Manager	<b>Key metrics</b> Number of businesses accounts categorised Number of accounting products using classification	<b>High level concept</b> As the number of accounting software packages increase, so do the vast number of ways clients tag the view on their business activities. We will help by creating a standard classification wrapped with	<b>Channels</b> Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Accounting products and tools	<b>Early adopters</b> Any existing benchmarking products produced or used by business advisors
<b>Cost structure (1 lowest, 5 highest)</b> Complexity: 4. Risk: 2. Effort: 3. Acquisition: 2.		<b>Revenue streams</b> Our first impressions of this is an open source opportunity to generally help NZ businesses and business		



## Report to the Minister of Statistics: Weekly report for the period to 23 February 2018

<b>Date:</b>	23 February 2018	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
<b>Security level:</b>	In confidence	<b>File number:</b>	MM1771

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### Purpose

- The weekly report is prepared by officials every Friday (unless otherwise specified). The report provides you with a regular update on the business of Stats NZ.
- No action is required from you; officials are available to brief you further at your request

### Regular progress updates

Officials will provide you regular progress updates on the following topics, as appropriate:

- Role and activities regarding the Government Chief Data Steward
- 2018 Census
- Census Transformation
- Statistics Legislative Review
- Engagement with the Iwi Chairs Forum: Leadership Group on Data
- Government Priorities (including: Measuring child poverty, foreign property ownership and a comprehensive set of environmental, social and economic sustainability indicators)
- Stats NZ's accommodation

## For your information

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### D5 events this week

#### *Digital Nations 2030 Summit in Auckland*

1. Stats NZ representatives attended the *Digital Nations Summit* in Auckland this week, with the Government Statistician Liz MacPherson being on a panel discussing *Big Data for predictive outcomes*.
2. One of the main impressions from the D5 sessions was remarkable consistency in the views of panellists that capability, culture and education were all critical to enabling us to become a truly digital nation.
3. NZ is well placed in its journey, and there are many examples of digital innovation across the country. It was commented a number of times that innovation is part of the kiwi 'number 8 wire' psyche.
4. Technology is changing fast, driverless cars and blockchain are only two examples, and we need to be ready to embrace disruptive changes of this kind through enabling legislation and regulation.
5. Trust and social license, encompassing privacy and security, are fundamental to enabling citizens to embrace a digital government.

#### *Digital Government Showcase*

6. Stats NZ's Integrated Data display at the D5 Digital Government Showcase was a great success. Many national and international government officials made it a priority to visit our stand, showing the amount of interest there is in this world-leading technology.
7. International visitors included government officials and ministers from Estonia, Uruguay and the Canadian Government's Chief Information Officer. They were specifically looking out for the integrated data stand, as their governments are wanting to learn from us how they can implement integrated data infrastructures. Tongan officials, and the UK High Commissioner to NZ were already familiar with the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI) and interested to find out more. Government Statistician Liz MacPherson was on hand to talk about how Stats NZ started the IDI and the next stages.
8. It was also a great opportunity to discuss with officials from other New Zealand government departments how Stats NZ both empowers and safeguards the use of integrated data as part of our aim to be as transparent as possible about how New Zealanders' data is being used and for what outcomes.

### Data Venture launch

9. On the 21 February, Stats NZ launched our Data Ventures group through a NBR article, with the aim to create greater awareness of this new venture. At the same time, the Data Ventures website, <https://dataventures.nz/>, went live. Data Ventures will partner to commercialise Stats NZ knowledge and expertise, and in so doing encourage the development of new and innovative ways to grow data access and analytics services for New Zealand.
10. Prior to this launch, Drew Broadley, the Executive Director, has been building the core team of Data Ventures, while also testing, taking feedback and shaping the story of Data Ventures. This has been tested with Stats NZ people internally, other government agencies (particularly a great opportunity at *Digital Nations 2030*) and a select set of companies and business people.
11. This was all about testing the Data Ventures offering and validating there is interest from the potential partners and customers working with Data Ventures.



12. Response has been good, including comments around it being progressive and forward thinking, and successfully creating inbound contacts with people looking to partner with us.
13. We are working towards building a pipeline workflow, recruiting for a customer advisory group (which Data Ventures will use to validate ventures) and starting the first venture by 30 April.
14. Drew will attend Monday's officials' meeting, to update you further on Data Ventures and its plans.

### 2018 Census ramping up to the big day

15. This week, 2018 Census field workers have started delivering letters with access codes to 20 percent of the country's households. Every household needs their code to complete the 2018 Census online, on or before 6 March.
16. From today (Friday, 23 February) onwards, the remaining 80 percent will start to receive letters containing the codes.

### Parliamentary Questions

None for this period

### Departmental Official Information Act requests

Date received	Requester	Subject	Due date	Date completed
03/02/2018	9(2)(a) [redacted] 9(2)(a) [redacted] [redacted]	Advice to the Minister and the GS regarding sexual orientation and gender identity in the 2018 Census	5/03/2018	23/02/18
16/02/2018	9(2)(a) [redacted] [redacted] 9(2)(a) [redacted] [redacted]	Open Data Funding	16/03/2018	
17/02/2018	9(2)(a) [redacted] 9(2)(a) [redacted] [redacted]	Advice to the current minister regarding spirituality and religion in the census	16/03/2018	23/02/18
22/02/2018	9(2)(a) [redacted] 9(2)(a) [redacted]	Census exception reports or change requests, and 2018 census programme team meeting minutes	22/03/2018	

### Public relations

None for this period

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## For your attention

■ Briefings 
 ■ Parliamentary Question / OIA / Other 
 ■ Stats NZ Cabinet Papers for Minister's signature 
 ■ Meeting 
 ■ Event / Public Relation

<b>19 February 2018</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> Stats NZ officials meeting	<b>20 February 2018</b> <span style="color: green;">■</span> March Baseline update	<b>21 February 2018</b> <span style="color: purple;">■</span> D5 conference (chairs session on emerging issues in digital trade) <span style="color: purple;">■</span> D5 cocktail function	<b>22 February 2018</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> Meeting with Rhema Viathianathan <span style="color: green;">■</span> Agriculture production survey approval	<b>23 February 2018</b>
<b>26 February 2018</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> Stats NZ officials meeting	<b>27 February 2018</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> SEEA release briefing <span style="color: red;">■</span> Meeting with Hon Scott Simpson	<b>28 February 2018</b>	<b>1 March 2018</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> Meeting with Sir Peter Gluckman	<b>2 March 2018</b> <span style="color: purple;">■</span> Open Data Day (opening)
<b>5 March 2018</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> Stats NZ officials meeting <span style="color: red;">■</span> Ministerial meeting on 2018 Budget decisions	<b>6 March 2018</b> <b>CENSUS DAY</b>	<b>7 March 2018</b>	<b>8 March 2018</b>	<b>9 March 2018</b>
<b>12 March 2018</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> Stats NZ officials meeting	<b>13 March 2018</b>	<b>14 March 2018</b>	<b>15 March 2018</b>	<b>16 March 2018</b>

## Release calendar

■ Stats NZ release ■ Analytical report

<b>19 February 2018</b> ■ Births and Deaths: Year ended December 2017 ■ New Zealand Abridged Period Life Table: 2015–17 (provisional)	<b>20 February 2018</b> ■ Business Price Indexes: December 2017 quarter	<b>21 February 2018</b>	<b>22 February 2018</b> ■ Productivity Statistics: 1978–2017	<b>23 February 2018</b> ■ Retail Trade Survey: December 2017 quarter
<b>26 February 2018</b> ■ Alcohol available for consumption: Year ended December 2017 ■ Linked employer-employee data: December 2016 quarter	<b>27 February 2018</b> ■ Overseas merchandise trade: January 2018 ■ International travel and migration: January 2018	<b>28 February 2018</b>	<b>1 March 2018</b> ■ Overseas trade indexes (prices and volumes): December 2017 quarter (provisional)	<b>2 March 2018</b> ■ Building consents issued: January 2018 ■ Goods and services trade by country: Year ended December 2017 ■ International visitor arrivals to New Zealand: January 2018
<b>5 March 2018</b> ■ New Zealand cohort life tables: March 2018 update	<b>6 March 2018</b> <b>CENSUS DAY</b>	<b>7 March 2018</b> ■ Local authority statistics: December 2017 quarter ■ Value of building work put in place: December 2017 quarter ■ Wholesale trade survey: December 2017 quarter	<b>8 March 2018</b> ■ Economic survey of manufacturing: December 2017 quarter	<b>9 March 2018</b> ■ Electronic card transactions: February 2018
<b>12 March 2018</b> ■ Accommodation survey: January 2018	<b>13 March 2018</b> ■ Food price index: February 2018	<b>14 March 2018</b> ■ Balance of payments and international investment position: December 2017 quarter	<b>15 March 2018</b> ■ Gross domestic product: December 2017 quarter	<b>16 March 2018</b> ■ Transport vehicle registrations: February 2018